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NEWS

Air Pollution

Canada to Set Air Pollution Limits for Iron, Steel Sectors

Canada will set new minimum national standards for major air pollutants from iron, steel and ilmenite industries, the government announced May 28....

Air Pollution

Environmental, Industry Groups Disagree on Haze Air Rule

Environmental groups urged the Environmental Protection Agency to not follow through on an April proposal that would delay submittal deadlines for state regional haze plans by three years, while power generators called the proposal an "extension"...

Air Pollution

Volkswagen's U.S. Sales Fall for Seventh Straight Month

U.S. sales by Volkswagen of America declined by 17.2 percent in May compared to the same month in 2015, the seventh straight month the automaker has reported significant year-over-year declines....

Biotechnology

Changes Needed to Keep GMO Corn Effective: IG Report

The Environmental Protection Agency needs to do more to prevent a widely planted type of genetically modified corn from becoming obsolete, according to a June 1 report from the agency's inspector general....

Chemicals

Senator's TSCA Concerns Grow

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Kentucky Republican Sen. Rand Paul isn't backing down from his objections last week that derailed a sweeping overhaul of U.S. chemical law, and that has left supporters scouring the landscape for other ways to get the bill back on the floor...

Climate Change

New Pacific Coast Pact Signed to Battle Climate Change

The governors of California, Oregon and Washington, British Columbia's premier and the mayors of six West Coast cities signed a pact to collaborate on efforts to address climate change and build a regional clean energy economy....

Climate Policy

American Nations to Start Carbon-Price Talks: World Bank

Four American nations are set to start talks on ways to cooperate on carbon pricing, according to the World Bank....

Climate Regulation

California Proposes Methane Reductions at Oil and Gas Sites

The California Air Resources Board proposed new leak detection and control standards designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas facilities. ...

Climate Regulation

State Regulators Offer Clean Power Plan Model Rule

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies released a model rule to guide states as they prepare to implement the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan....

Climate Regulation

Washington State Issues Carbon Cap Draft Regulation

The Washington state ecology department released a revised draft June 1 of its proposed carbon cap rule that takes into account the concerns of business with steps such as recognizing prior actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions....

Elections

Clinton Wants Renewable Energy Boost on Public Lands

Democratic presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton would aim for a tenfold increase in the amount of renewable energy production on public lands and strengthen water security, according to a campaign fact sheet released June 1....

Elections

Sanders Wants Fracking Ban in Democratic Party Platform

The Democratic Party platform should include a national ban on hydraulic fracturing, Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said June 1 in California ahead of the state's primary election....

Energy

Merkel Wins Backing for Clean-Energy Auctions

Chancellor Angela Merkel won the support of Germany's states for a program to switch to auctions for renewable energy capacity, averting the threat that local authorities would block the plan that they saw as threatening to jobs in the...

Enforcement

Biodiesel Accord to Lead to Reduction in Air Emissions

A Rhode Island producer of biodiesel fuel has agreed to pay a fine of \$396,000 and has implemented a new control system that will reduce methanol emissions by 15 tons per year, under the terms of a settlement agreement reached with the Environmental...

Environmental Justice

Renewables Have Environmental Justice Benefits:

Advocates

Government officials, energy companies and others should consider the co-benefits of renewable energy use and energy efficiency as part of their planning process, environmental justice advocates said June 1....

Hazmat Transport

PHMSA Addresses Transport of Acetylene in Final Rule

National Transportation Safety Board recommendations for the transport of acetylene cylinders would be incorporated under a final rule by the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration scheduled to be published June 2. ...

Natural Resources

UN Report: Climate Change Endangers Iconic Sites

Climate change has become one of the most significant risks for World Heritage sites globally, according to a report prepared jointly by the United Nations Environment Program, UNESCO and the Union of Concerned Scientists....

Oil & Gas

British Columbia Calls for Environmental Assessment of Oil Refinery

British Columbia's Environmental Assessment Office has ordered the first oil refinery proposed for Canada's West Coast near Alaska to undergo an environmental assessment, Kristin Worsley, the office's project assessment...

Oil Spills

Injunctive Claims for N.Y. Petroleum Spill Reinstated

A store owner will have another chance to pursue nuisance claims for petroleum contamination from neighboring gasoline service stations after a federal court reversed its finding that the suit is untimely (Plumbing Supply, LLC v. ExxonMobil...

Regulatory Policy

Canada Finds Two Organisms Lack Toxicity Threat

Canada has concluded that two living organisms—*Candida utilis*, strain ATCC 9950, and *Pseudomonas* sp. ATCC 13867—pose no risk of toxicity and require no regulatory action. ...

Regulatory Policy

China to Tighten Environmental Rules in Industrial Parks

China's Ministry of Environmental Protection intends to enforce better environmental oversight and protection inside the

thousands of industrial parks countrywide within five years, according to a statement from the ministry. ...

Regulatory Policy

Regulations Benefit Economy, Obama Says

President Barack Obama sought to downplay the "myth" that his administration has over-regulated businesses and killed jobs, saying he has issued fewer regulations to date than his Republican predecessor....

Renewable Energy

Europe Losing Its Reputation as Renewable Energy Leader

Europe is losing its status as a global leader in clean energy, with investment in the region plummeting 21 percent last year, while spending in the rest of the world boomed....

Right to Know

New EPA Reporting Rules Soon for HBCDs?

Companies that produce or handle a type of flame retardant chemical called hexabromocyclododecanes, or HBCDs, may be subject to new reporting requirements under a proposed rule from the Environmental Protection Agency (RIN:2025-AA42)....

Toxic Substances

Canada Sets Voluntary Guidelines for Four Substances

Canada has issued new benchmarks for ambient levels in the environment of flame retardants HBCD and TBBPA, as well as vanadium and chlorinated alkanes. HBCD and vanadium are designated as toxic in Canada, with vanadium banned for use and a ban...

Toxic Substances

EU to Consider Extension of Glyphosate Approval

The European Commission June 1 sought to sidestep difficulties in the European Union-level reauthorization of the widely used herbicide glyphosate by proposing an extension of the current approval until the European Chemicals Agency can...

Water Pollution

Water Rule Can't Be Argued in Two U.S. Courts, DOJ Says

A coalition of states can't challenge the Clean Water Rule in two federal courts at the same time especially since the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit said it has jurisdiction to review the myriad lawsuits over the regulation,...

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